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Boatman, Hamilton, Lill Receive Top Sphinx Honors

TO THE STUDENT BODY

TODAY DEMOCRACY AS A PRACTICAL IDEOLOGY FOR THIS CAMPUS WILL BE TESTED WHEN EITHER A MAJORITY OR A MINORITY OF THE STUDENT BODY VOTES IN THE PRIMARY STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, IT IS IN THE HANDS OF YOU, THE STUDENT BODY, WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL HAVE TRUE SELF-GOVERNMENT HERE AT SOUTHERN. IF ANY FACTION OR GROUP OF POLITICALLY AMBITIOUS STUDENTS IS ALLOWED TO DOMINATE CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY—THAT ALSO IS YOUR FAULT. FOR IF YOU VOTE TODAY NO FACTION CAN SECURE AN EFFECTIVE STRANGLEHOLD ON YOUR GOVERNMENT.

PAST ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN A DISGRACE TO ANY PROGRESSIVE STUDENT BODY. THE ALL-TIME LOW WAS REACHED WHEN A LITTLE OVER 1 PERCENT OF A CERTAIN CLASS VENTURED TO THE POLLS. OTHER ELECTION RECORDS HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY HOPELESS DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THIS ENTIRE INDIFFERENCE CANNOT BE BLAMED UPON THE UNDER-CLASSMEN AS THE JUNIORS AND SENIORS HAVE ALSO MADE SOME MISERABLE SHOWINGS AS FAR AS VOTING RESPONSIBILITIES ARE CONCERNED.

INDIFFERENCE AND DEMOCRACY CANNOT EXIST SIDE BY SIDE. HOWEVER, IF YOU DESIRE MAJORITY RULE, IT'S UP TO YOU TO GET OUT AND VOTE.

TRI SIGS WIN ANNUAL SING

Holder Voted Most Valuable Frat Man

Last night Sigma Sigma Sigma national social society won the seventh annual Interfraternity Sing sponsored by Chi Delta Chi fraternity. The Tri Sigs who sang a series of three numbers, their society song, "Tri Sigma Beloved," "Sleep Kentucky Babe" and "Love Come Back to Me" were presented the cup by Jack Hodges, president of Chi Delta Chi.

Delta Sigma Epsilon came in second in the Sing trophy, by singing society song of Delta Sigma Epsilon, "In My Garden," and a medley of "Anchors Aweigh," "Swanee Song" and the "Marine Hymn."

The various leaders for the Greek singers were: Kappa Delta Alpha, Herbert Townes; Delta Sigma Epsilon, Helen Kistner; Sigma Sigma Sigma, Kathie May Ayres; Sigma Beta Beta, Russell Stephens; Delta Delta Chi, Bill Holder; Pi Kappa Sigma, Mary Alice Whitfield; and Chi Delta Chi, John Whitehead.

Judges for the contest were: Mr. McIntosh, David Allen and Mrs. C. Gill.

PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

Commencement Events, previously known as Senior Week, are scheduled to be held May 11-23. The program will consist of the following:

- May 11, 8:00 P. M.—Formal reception for seniors and faculty at the home of President and Mrs. Roscoe Pulliam.
- May 21, 4:00 P. M.—A. A. U. W. Tea at the home of Miss Hilda Stein.
- May 24—Baccalaureate, 6:00 P. M. at Shryock Auditorium. Address, "Hopeful Aspects of the Present World Situation," given by Dr. Joseph C. Robbins.
- May 25—Informal baccalaureate dance at 8:45 P. M. given by the Little Theatre.
- May 27—Senior outing at Midland Hills Country Club.
- May 28—Band concert on the campus lawn at 5:00 P. M.
- May 28—Annual Annual Banquet at Anthony Hall at 7:00 P. M. Social dancing from 9:00 to 1:00 P. M. in parlor of Anthony Hall.
- May 29—Commencement Exercises at 9:30 A. M. Address by Honorable Governor Dwight L. Green of the State of Illinois.
- May 29—Reception for parents of graduates and faculty at 11:00 A. M.



Here they are—the top ranking juniors picked for Sphinx honors: Ralph Boatman, No. 1; Bill Lill, No. 2, and Charles Hamilton who placed the No. 3 spot.



12 Other Outstanding Juniors Are Presented Invitations During Chapel

Ralph Boatman of Carlinville was awarded the highest non-scholastic honor possible at S.I.N.U. Tuesday, when President Pulliam announced at college assembly that he had received the highest number of votes among the candidates for Sphinx, activities honorary which has annually for five years selected fifteen members of the junior class and recognizes their outstanding extracurricular work by offering them bids to the organization. Charles Hamilton, a local man, received second place in the voting, and Patricia Lill of Mascoutah, third.

Invitations Extended

PEMBERTON-NEW PRESIDENT OF SIGMA PI RHO

Elected at Convention Held on Campus Last Week-end

Miss Betty Pemberton of S.I.N.U. was elected president of Sigma Pi Rho, national honorary Latin fraternity, at the close of the convention May 2, at which the college played host to visiting delegates from Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Arkansas.

Have Formal Banquet

The highlighting event of the day's convention was a formal banquet at the Midland Hills Country Club Saturday evening with Dr. Clark G. Kuebler of the department of classics at Northwestern University as principal speaker. Dr. Kuebler has spent several years of intensive study and research in Germany, Italy and Greece, and had attended the University of Munich during the first few years before the rise of Hitler.

Kuebler Speaks

Dr. Kuebler's address, entitled "More Enduring than Bronze," stressed the need of making a lasting peace after the war, based on a return to fundamental ideals of civilization which we owe to the Greeks, Romans and Hebrews via the medium of Euclid. The only lasting thing, according to Dr. Kuebler, are the intellects that have carried forward the torch of civilization. Dr. Kuebler emphasized the need for well-rounded and far-sighted human beings and went on to explain that no one might consider himself well educated unless he had at least an acquaintance with the works and teachings of the great men of times past as well as present. Dr. Kuebler is, however, that there is a very marked increase in the classics, as well as in the other humanities, among students all over the United States and gave Northwestern for the example, where enrollment in the classics is heavier than it has been for twenty years.

Seven states were represented at the convention as well as several countries of Illinois. Dr. Edgar A. Menck congratulated the local chapter for having very successfully extended one of the largest conventions in the history of the organization. Next year's meeting will be held at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Miss Pemberton's presidency will continue through the meeting at Bowling Green.

The Carbondale Park Board has announced a tennis tournament to be held on the city courts (near the Baptist church) within the next two weeks. All S.I.N.U. students are invited to participate. Entries for both singles and doubles should be sent to Frank Bridge, Carbondale, by post card, or the student should see Verdie Cox personally. Entries must be in by Monday, May 11.

According to the usual procedure, invitations were extended to the other twelve juniors, in alphabetical order with the last three names being read in the reverse order of the number of votes they received. The twelve were Gene Abney, Sylvia Lou Cooper, Graham Crichton, Elizabeth Fairbairn, Scott Gill, Mary Lou Hampton, Isabel Marshall, Waldo McDonald, Norma Jean Morton, Bonnie Newald, Jeannette Oshel, and Gladys Westwood.

Frank Holloway, who was second in the list of last year's candidates, presided at the ceremony. President Pulliam, before he made the top three awards, spoke briefly on the importance of Sphinx to the college, making the statement that the fifteen people who were about to be honored were among that group of citizens who make things happen.

Boatman Active

During his three year career at Southern, Boatman has served on the Student Council, was president of his class during his sophomore year, and president of S.I.N.U. He has held several other offices in the Southern Knights, including that of Royal Duke, and has served on various committees.

Charles Hamilton also had a full record of activities. He was on the MacDowell Club, had the Madrigal group, and for some time has occupied the position of vocalist on the S.I.N.U. Glee program, "Hill How on the Campus." He has served as president of both the Little Theatre and Kappa Delta Alpha social fraternity.

Pat Lill, in addition on the Student Council, has been a member of the S.I.N.U. Glee program, Egyptian and Obelisk staff, Y.W.C.A., and Girls' Rally committee. She was elected as this year's Prom Princess.

The Initiation

Formal initiation was held last night at Giant City park, at 9 o'clock. The banquet was followed by a secret meeting at which toasts were proposed by old and new members. The candidates for membership were then blindfolded and taken to remote places in an unknown destination. At a candlelight ceremony at the stroke of midnight, the initiates took the sacred oath of Sphinx and signed the ancient scroll.

After initiation the whole group returned to Carter's Cafe for a late supper. The banquet part of the evening which has become a tradition.

Council Names Bill Reynolds to Edit 1943 Obelisk

Picked by Student Council After Casting 29 Ballots in Grueling 2½ Hour Session

Bill Reynolds, a Junior from Vienna, was elected by the Student Council this week to edit the 1942-43 Obelisk. Reynolds, who served as assistant editor of the Obelisk last year, succeeded Norma Jean Morton as editor of the college yearbook.

In addition to his work on the Obelisk, Reynolds has done a great deal of work on the Egyptian, as a reporter, feature writer and news editor. He is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, national honorary English fraternity, and was associate editor of the Star's last year.

He is also a member of Southern Knights, honorary courtesy service fraternity.

FAMOUS FRENCH MOVIE TO BE PRESENTED MAY 11

"Dr. Knock," a sizzling satire on certain commercial aspects of the medical profession, starring the famous French character actor, Louis Jouvet, will be presented in Shryock Auditorium on Monday, May 11, at 8 p. m.

Written by the popular French playwright and novelist, Jules Romains, "Dr. Knock" is a hilarious story of a medically unscrupulous doctor, whose main assets are a charming and dignified "bedside manner" and a high sounding terminology on non-existent diseases. He purchases a modest practice from an honest doctor of a recently unscrupulous doctor, then goes on to convince the entire population of healthy peasants and bachelors that they are ill with strange maladies. The contrast of the successful ideology of the ex-medic "knock," as to opposed to the poverty of the honest practitioners are displayed in strong shadings. Of great interest to everyone, are the cynical conclusions portrayed, which are, in reality, commentaries on medicine in our social environment.

This unusual and outstanding film has been a great success wherever it has played, and has caused much comment in literary, art, and intellectual circles.

The admission to this extraordinary French film, which will be presented at 8 p. m. Monday, is 15c, tax included.

125 STUDENTS ATTEND NINTH ANNUAL MU TAU PI CONFERENCE LAST FRIDAY

Granite City, Benton, Du Quoin, Ziegler Receive Highest Honors

Approximately 125 students, representing 12 Southern Illinois High schools, attended the ninth annual press conference, sponsored by Mu Tau Pi, local honorary journalistic fraternity.

The morning session of the conference opened at 10 o'clock Friday morning with the various members of Mu Tau Pi leading the discussion groups. These sections included talks on sports, features, editorial, straight news, and year books. In these sessions, the students told their problems to the leaders and answered to their questions were offered to the embryo journalists.

The afternoon session began at 1:30 with William Guetz, president of Mu Tau Pi, extending the welcome to the students. The musical numbers on the program included selections by the piano trio of Bob Seisewer and Gene Ulrich.

The main speaker of the program was Bruce Blossa, United Press correspondent for Southern Illinois. Blossa was formerly a reporter in Chicago and he also spent a year in Springfield, where he covered the legislative news of the Illinois general assembly. Mr. Blossa gave many interesting accounts of journalistic work with the large news syndicates and explained how students might secure positions with these companies.

Awards.

Following Mr. Blossa's talk, the students again attended discussion groups. These meetings were the same as the morning meetings. The conference was climaxed with a banquet, which was held at the First Methodist church. The musical portion of the banquet was furnished by the Roland Hayes quartet and Peggy Ferguson. At the banquet the results of the judging were announced. Granite City and Benton were awarded highest honors in class A. Ziegler received highest honors in class B.

FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

The daily schedule of classes for next fall term will be completely changed from the schedule for this year. The changes will be for next year's schedule. There are to be ten periods, the first beginning at 8:00. Each will be fifteen minutes long, and there will be ten minutes between classes. Four periods are scheduled before noon and six after noon, the last ending at 6:50. General assembly will be held each week on Tuesdays, that is, from 9 o'clock until 9:50.

Flying Egyptians Squadron Formed At S.I.N.U. Friday

Gene Abney Will Serve as Commander; First Twenty-five May Be Called in July

Final arrangements in the formation of the FLYING EGYPTIANS squadron, under the Navy V-5 program, were made on the campus of Southern Illinois National University Friday, May 8.

Over thirty-five prospective members of the squadron, Gene Abney of Herculano was elected squadron commander and L. E. Sinks, Jr. of Central, executive officer.

Lieutenant Payton T. Tallent, in charge of the formation of the squadron, announced Saturday that because of the number of men who indicated their desire to join the squadron, there would probably be ten wings, or units, of the FLYING EGYPTIANS.

Sixteen men are already actually enlisted under the Navy V-5 program and are awaiting call. They are Gene Abney and L. E. Sinks, Jr., James Reynolds, Barker Hill, Robert Barry, Carbondale, Ralph Boatman, Carlinville; Arthur L. Clark, Marion; Ralph Dannerstein, Jr., Sparta; Joe Dougherty, Mt. Carmel; Charles Holmes, Marion; Wilton Webb, Mt. Vernon; James Landford, Edward Connelley, Carbondale; William Hayes, Jesse Lewis, Marion; and Paul Manning, MacDowell.

Will Be Called Soon

Probably the first FLYING EGYPTIANS squadron to be called to duty will be made up of about 25 men who will probably be called to go into service about July 1. For the first part of their training period, the men will be at the University of Iowa, taking physical training and ground work instruction. At the end of that period, they will be sent to one of the three large training bases—Corpus Christi, Pensacola, or Jacksonville—for flight training. All during the training period, and after they are commissioned, the FLYING EGYPTIANS will stay together.

At the meeting Friday, it was decided that men enlisted from Southern Illinois will automatically become members of the FLYING EGYPTIANS squadron, whether or not they have attended S.I.N.U. This will include high school students, place they are now eligible under the provisions of the Navy V-5 plan.



Ensign Groh '40, Dies in Plane Crash Tuesday

Ensign Leroy C. Groh, an alumnus of S.I.N.U. and a flying cadet with the United States Naval Reserve

at Norfolk, Va., was killed Tuesday afternoon in the crash of a navy biplane he was piloting near Norfolk, Va.

A Southern graduate with the class of 1940, Groh majored in mathematics with minors in chemistry and physics. He was a member of Delta Rho, Kappa Psi, Kappa Rho, and Phi Kappa Phi. He was active in Intramural baseball.

He enlisted in the Navy in November, 1939, and received his commission as an ensign last September. He had orders to leave this week for the South Seas. He had been a member of the Fighting Five Squadron and had made two trips to South America.

A naval escort, including a lady, will accompany Ensign Groh's body to his home at Leaning, Mo. He is survived by his father and a sister.

Groh was a graduate of the Leaning and Marietta high schools. He is the seventh Southern man killed in service.

Nominations for the student council members for the 1942-43 school year are now in progress. Students be sure and VOTE!

